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## **Delmarva Power Works to Repair Transmission Line Damaged by Weekend Storm**

### *Town of Berlin to Experience Brief Outage Late Tonight*

**BERLIN, Md.** – Delmarva Power plans this evening to finish repairs to a 69,000 volt transmission line that was damaged by a severe thunder and lightning storm that struck an area near Berlin, Md., over the past weekend. The work will necessitate de-energizing electric service to Berlin for about 10 minutes to one hour, beginning around midnight tonight.

The fast-moving weather front sheared off five poles, locked out four substations and caused a power outage for about 20,000 customers in Worcester County late Saturday afternoon. Most customers had electric service restored around 6:45 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital and Berlin Nursing Home had to utilize their respective backup generating units until Delmarva Power could restore normal service to those facilities around 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12.

If Berlin residents experience an outage longer than one hour tonight, they should report the service interruption to the Town of Berlin by calling 410-641-1333.

#### **Some tips for the public to prepare for the outage:**

- Assemble an emergency kit, including:
  - Battery-powered radio or television
  - Flashlight
  - First-aid kit
  - Battery-powered or windup clock
  - Extra batteries
  - Special needs items, such as an insulated cooler
  - Extra blankets
  - List of important and emergency phone numbers

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- Have a telephone with a cord or a cell phone to use as a backup. Cordless telephones require electricity to operate and won't work if there is an outage.
- Protect electronic equipment. Unplug sensitive electronics or plug computers and other sensitive equipment into surge suppressors and consider an uninterruptible power supply for temporary battery backup power.
- Turn off power to flood-prone basement appliances if it is safe to do so. However, if using an electrically operated sump pump, the customer should not turn off the power.
- Have adequate prescription medicines or infant supplies on hand.

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